

DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
15 THE GREEN, DOVER, DE 19901

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS # K-7354  
SPO Map 12-13-19  
South  
Hundred Murderkill  
Quad Frederica  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Baker Property; Former Gas Station and Market
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 7764 Bay Road, Kent County, East Side of Road
3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Little Heaven vicinity? ☐
4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE:      building ☒      structure ☐  
   landscape ☐      district ☐      site ☐      object ☐
5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY: Residence (unoccupied)
6. PROJECT TITLE/ REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable):  
SR 1 Little Heaven Interchange

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List property types:
1	CRS 2 Main Building Form	residence/store
0	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	
0	CRS 4 Archaeological Site Form	
0	CRS 5 Structure (Building-Like) Form	
0	CRS 6 Structure (Land Feature) Form	
0	CRS 7 Object Form	
0	CRS 8 Landscape Elements Form	
1	CRS 9 Map Form	N/A
0	CRS 14 Potential District Form	

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: July 2004

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

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10. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- ☐ Pre-European Contact
- ☐ Paleo-Indian
- ☐ Archaic
- ☐ Woodland I
- ☐ Woodland II

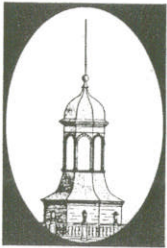
- ☐ 1600-1750∇ Contact Period (Native American)
- ☐ 1630-1730∇ Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- ☐ 1730-1770∇ Intensified and Durable Occupation
- ☐ 1770-1830∇ Early Industrialization
- ☐ 1830-1880∇ Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- ☒ 1880-1940∇ Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- ☐ 1940-1960∇ Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

b) Geographical zone

- ☐ Piedmont
- ☒ Upper Peninsula
- ☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- ☐ Coastal
- ☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Government                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Oystering                | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services            | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events        |



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
MAIN BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 7764 Bay Road, Kent County, East Side of Road
2. FUNCTION(S): historic Garage/gas station/store current Appears to be unoccupied
3. YEAR BUILT: 1940 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular
5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐  
if moved, from where \_\_\_\_\_ other location's CRS # \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_  
list major alterations and additions with years (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
  - a. Overall shape: Rectangular Stories: 1  
Additions: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Structural system (if known): Light timber frame
  - c. Foundation: materials: Concrete  
basement: full ☐ partial ☐ not visible ☐ no basement ☒
  - d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): Vinyl siding
  - e. Roof: shape: Slightly slopes to rear of building (nearly flat) with parapet across front  
materials: Not visible  
cornice: Covered with vinyl  
dormers: n/a  
chimney: location(s): n/a
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
  - a. Facade: Direction: W
    - 1) Bays 4
    - 2) Windows 3fenestration fixed  
type single pane storefront display windows (seems replaced)  
trim vinyl  
shutters n/a

## Facade (cont'd)

- 3) Door(s) 1 pedestrian, 1 garage bay with overhead rolling doors  
     location off center  
     type 1-leaf with single glass pane, one glass pane sidelight on N  
     trim
- 4) Porch(es) porch runs full length of building

## b. Side: Direction: N

- 1) Bays 1
- 2) Windows n/a  
     fenestration solid wall  
     type n/a  
     trim n/a  
     shutters n/a
- 3) Door(s) n/a  
     location n/a  
     type n/a  
     trim n/a
- 4) Porch(es) n/a

## c. Side: Direction: S

- 1) Bays 1
- 2) Windows 1  
     fenestration 1/1  
     type double hung  
     trim aluminum  
     shutters n/a
- 3) Door(s) n/a  
     location n/a  
     type n/a  
     trim n/a
- 4) Porch(es)

## d. Rear: Direction: E

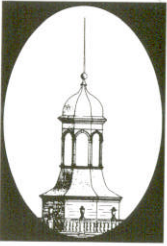
- 1) Bays 3
- 2) Windows 1  
     fenestration 1/1  
     type double hung  
     trim not accessible  
     shutters n/a
- 3) Door(s) 2  
     location off center  
     type 1-leaf  
     trim not accessible
- 4) Porch(es) 1, rear, open porch

9. INTERIOR:

10. LANDSCAPING:

11. OTHER COMMENTS:





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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
MAP FORM

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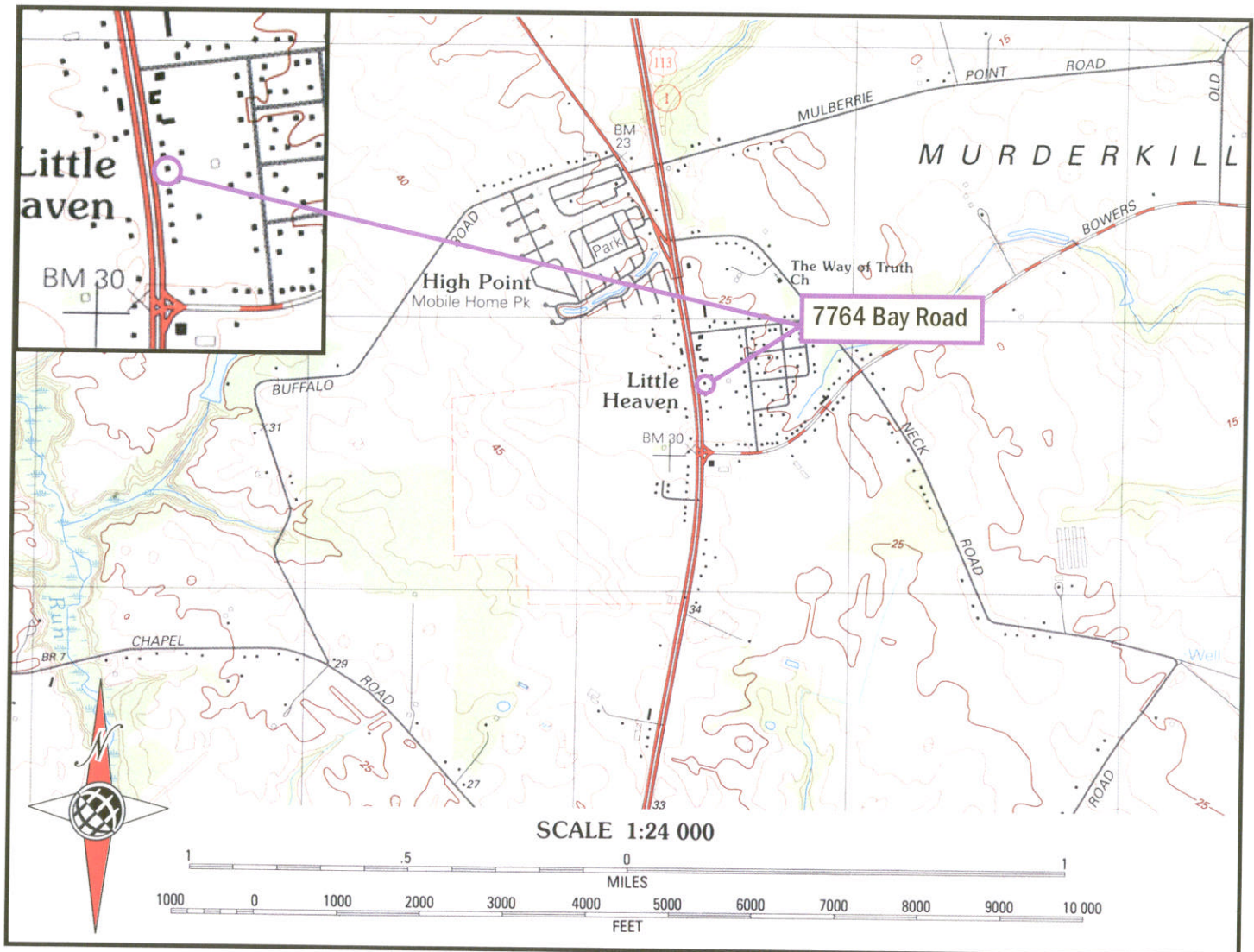
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION ☐ reason: \_\_\_\_\_

3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map )

INDICATE NORTH ON SKETCH



4. SITE PLAN:

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INDICATE NORTH ON PLAN

Hand-drawn site plan on a grid. The plan shows a rectangular building with an internal wall. There are two 'X' marks inside the building, one in the upper right and one in the lower right. A north arrow points to the left, labeled 'N'. Below the building, the text 'Route 1' is written between two horizontal lines.

USE BLACK INK ONLY

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**CRS #K-7354**  
**Baker Property**

**General Description.** The Baker Property is located at 7764 Bay Road (SR 1) on the east side of the road. The property consists of a former gas station/market (currently an unoccupied residence) constructed ca. 1935-1940. A grassy yard surrounds the building to the north, south, and east, and a gravel parking lot is located immediately west of the building. The parking lot was historically used for commercial use as a parking lot for the gas station; however, there are no remaining structures associated with any of these functions. The property is in good condition.

**Building.** The dwelling is a single-story, light timber frame, vernacular building with a flat roof. It rests upon a concrete foundation. The entire exterior of the dwelling is clad in vinyl siding. An attached garage is located at the northern end of the building. Window openings in the dwelling contain vinyl, replacement, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows and single-light picture windows. An open frame shed-roof porch extends the width of the façade (west elevation), and five thin, wood posts support the porch roof. The porch floor, which runs three-quarters of the length of the façade, is a concrete slab resting directly on the ground, with three concrete steps extending the width of the slab. The building's roof features a vinyl-clad parapet on the facade.

The façade (west elevation) of the dwelling consists of four bays, including one pedestrian entrance, one garage bay, and two window openings. The entrance is located in the second bay from the south end of the elevation, and contains a single-light, one-leaf replacement door. A modern sidelight is located immediately north of the entrance. Two large, single-light picture windows flank the entrance. The garage entrance is located in the northernmost bay, and contains a modern, retractable garage door.

The north elevation of the building consists of a solid wall lacking fenestration. The south elevation contains a single, one-over-one, double-hung sash window at the western end of the elevation.

The east elevation consists of three bays, containing two off-center entrances and one window opening. The entrances contain single-leaf doors, and the window opening contains a single, one-over-one, double-hung sash window. A small, open, wood frame porch is attached to the northern end of the elevation.

**Historical Background.** On June 2, 1930, the Associated Reality Corporation sold the property containing .68 acres to Charles W. Baker (KCDB V13: 20). On August 15, 1946, Charles W. Baker sold the property containing .68 acres along "...with all buildings and improvements" to Elsie Williams for \$250 (KCDB X17: 390). On January 13, 1948, John Howard Williams and Elsie Williams sold the property containing .68 acres to Frederick P. Lorenzen for \$300 (KCDB F18: 332). Although Frederick Lorenzen conveyed the property to Mildred Thomas (Lorenzen) as a last testament and will, John Williams, Jr. bought the property before the execution of Lorenzen's will, and the property was therefore conveyed to John Williams, Jr. and his wife Bertha R. Williams

(KCDB N37: 213). On March 17, 1988, Bertha R. Williams, widow, sold the property containing .68 acres to John T. Krasulak, and his wife Katherine J. Krasulak, for \$35,000 (KCDB T44: 247). On February 4, 2003, John T. Krasulak conveyed the property containing .68 acres to Katherine J. Krasulak (KCDB D521: 180).

**Evaluation.** The Baker Property is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because it does not meet the eligibility criteria established by the National Park Service (NPS 1997). The resource is an example of an altered, twentieth-century property within the SR 1 Interchange study area. The resource retains integrity of location and setting, but lacks integrity of design, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling, and is unable to convey its historical or architectural significance. It is not a noteworthy example of a residence or of a commercial property.

Property-specific research and documentary research of the area in general did not reveal any associations between this property and significant events or trends. The property is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for this reason. Likewise, research did not reveal any associations with significant individuals; therefore, the property is recommended not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The property does display the distinctive characteristics of a type, style, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, it is recommended not eligible under Criterion C. Archaeological investigations have not yet been conducted on this property; therefore, the resource's eligibility under Criterion D (potential to yield information important to history or prehistory) cannot be assessed at this time.

## **Bibliography**

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